

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the title as follows:

~~PERSONAL AUTHENTICATION METHOD, PERSONAL AUTHENTICATION
SYSTEM, AND OPTICAL INFORMATION RECORDING MEDIUM~~
PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION METHOD, PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM,
AND OPTICAL INFORMATION RECORDING MEDIUM

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 5, with the following rewritten paragraph:

In summary, the above-described objectives are achieved by the following aspects
embodiments of the present invention.